

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 21st June 2020

If possible arrange candles, a crucifix and a Gospel or Sunday Missal on a table.

Introduction

Today we are reminded not to be afraid but to have courage and proclaim the message of the Gospel.

Make the Sign of the Cross – a sign of the love God has for us.

An adult lights the candles.

Penitential Act

Ask the children to think about how they have behaved in the past week. Especially when our daily routines are different just now. Have you shown patience to those around you? Have you been kind and helpful even when you don't feel like it and it's difficult?

Lead the children in singing the "Sorry Song".

We are sorry,
Truly sorry,
Heal us Lord,
In Your love,
Help us to do better, Help us to be kinder. Forgive us,
Forgive us.

Gloria (Sung)

(To the Tune of Frere Jacques)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,

we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ,

only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of the Father.

Amen

All stand to welcome the Gospel singing the **Gospel Acclamation:**

(Sing to the tune of 'If You're Happy and You Know It')

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord,

As we listen to the story,

let us praise him for his glory. Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord.

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew

All say "Glory to You Oh Lord" while making a cross on your forehead, on your lips and on your heart.

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33 (refer to)

<https://cafod.org.uk>>Education>Children's liturgy)

Finish by saying: The Gospel of the Lord All reply : Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

Lead a Discussion on the Gospel

In today's Gospel we are reminded not to be afraid but to spread the love of God wherever we go.

Sometimes it's very tricky to do things that we are afraid of, we have all sorts of emotions. Discuss these with the children (Fear, nervous, butterflies in our tummies)

At times we may have these feelings about things we know we should not be doing but we can also experience these feelings with things that are good although they scare us. (Discuss with the children the times they may have experienced these: performing in a school show, maybe a solo talk at school, going to a new place we've never been before, performing in front of a crowd)

When we have these feelings they usually fade and change to happiness and excitement when the experience that has made us afraid is over. At times we realise it wasn't as bad as we first thought it would be.

When Jesus sent the Apostles out into the world to share his love they travelled to places they had never been before. How do you think they felt? (Scared, nervous, afraid) However, they were very brave and did what Jesus asked them to.

What did Jesus leave them with to help prepare them? He left them with the gift of the Holy Spirit and that same Spirit is with us also and helps us when we are afraid. We can call on the God to come and guide and protect us.

Just as the Apostles were asked to share the message of God's love with others, we too are given the same mission! We do this not only through our words but also through our actions, wherever we go and towards all those we meet. We are asked to show the love of Christ.

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord Jesus,

Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to guide and protect us. Help us to show your love to all those we meet with the same courage and strength as the Apostles.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **“Hear our prayer**

Lord Jesus,

Help us to love and serve You better in our daily lives, that we may stand up and be witnesses of what we believe.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **“Hear our prayer**

Closing Prayer

Loving Father, help us to remember that we have no need to be afraid as we walk the path you set out for us. Help us to always follow your love and through our lives lead others to you.

For Parents or Carers reading this at home, there are some further resources on the Archdiocesan website including some craft ideas to prepare in advance to help with reflection or enjoy afterwards.